tion to provide air-conditioning has been received.

(d) and (e) The need for additional accommodation for this purpose in the Naval HQ was finalised during Feb. 83. As regards the purchase of land, the question of the permanent location of this office is under consideration.

Sanctions against Sri Lanka

1407. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India of 15th March, 1986 under the caption "Sanctions against Lanka sought";

(b) whether any communication/memorandum has been received by Government in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the contents thereof and what action has been taken by Government; and

(d) what proposals are being considered to solve the Sri Lanka issue by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum has been received by Government from the leaders of the opposition parties. The Memorandum states that Government should "think of economic measures against Sri Lanka if the negotiations do not lead to a political settlement".

(c) Government has taken note of this Memorandum.

(d) Certain proposals for devolution of power to appropriate units like Provincial Councils have been put forward by the Government of Sri Lanka. These proposals are intended to be discussed with the representatives of the Sri Lanka Tamils

1408. [*Transferred to the 5th May*, 1986].

Modification of date of birth of Government servants recorded in service books

1409. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:
SHRI SUDHAKAR PANDEY
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the date of birth as recorded in the service book of a Government servant on the basis of High School or Higher Secondary certificate can be modified on the basis of the documentary evidence on extracts from Birth Register maintained by the Municipality, local body or other concerned authority as stipulated in the relevant rules;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether in such cases Government propose to allow such Government servants to change their date of birth on the basis of certificate on the birth register of the Municipal records; and

(d) if so, what are the instructions issued to the Ministries//Departments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Instructions relating to alteration of date of birth recorded in the service book of a government servant are given in a Note below Fundamental Rule 56 and alteration can be made with the sanction of the government subject to fulfilment of the

conditions prescribed therein. The details in this regard are indicated in the statement enclosed. (*see below*). According to these instructions, alteration of date of birth recorded in the service book of a government servant on the basis of High School or Higher Secondary certificate is allowed subsequently on the basis of documentary evidence of extract from Birth Register Subject to his fulfilling the conditions prescribed therein.

Statement

Note 5 below Fundamental Rules 56—"Note 5—the date on which a Government servant attains the age of fifty-eight years or sixty years, as the case may be, shall be determined with reference to the date of birth declared by the Government servant at the time of appointment and accepted by the appropriate authority on production, as far as possible, of confirmatory documentary evidence such as High School or Higher Secondary or Secondary School Certificate or extracts from Birth Register. The date of birth so declared by Government servant and accepted by the appropriate authority shall not be subject to any alteration except as specified in this note. An alteration of date of birth of a Government servant can be made with the sanction of a Ministry or Department of the Central Government, or the Comptroller and Auditor General in regard to persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, or an administrator of an Union Territory under which the Government servant is serving, if—

(a) a request in this regard is made within five years of his entry into Government service;

(b) it is clearly established that a genuine bonafide mistake has occurred; and

(c) the date of birth so altered would not make him ineligible to appear in any School or University or Union Public Service Commission examination in which he had appeared, or for entry into Government service on the date on which he first appeared at such examination or on the date on which he entered Government service."

Electronic Policy

1410. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Hindustan Times of 5th April, 1986 under the caption 'Government ready to modify electronic policy', if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have considered the suggestion as to how best the change in electronic policy would help in optimising the productivity in key sectors viz., agriculture, industry, transport, communication services etc,; and

(c) if so, by when the new electronic policy is likely to be framed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIV RAJ PATIL):

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Secretary, Department of Electronics in a FICCI —sponsored India—Japan syposium on electronics, had stated that the main objective of Government of India in promoting the growth of electronics in the country was to increase productivity, in all the key